



United Presbyterian Church
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

PRELUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sami Haddad, liturgist

Liturgist: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

People: **everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

Liturgist: God's love was revealed among us in this way:

People: **God sent the beloved Son into the world that we might live through him.**

Liturgist: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

*Opening Hymn *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* #464

PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)



Liturgist: Abiding in God's love, let's share signs of love and peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

MUSIC for MEDITATION

If I Can Help Somebody

Members of the UPC Quartet

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison with Liturgist)

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist: Hear the good news: In baptism God claimed us and joined us to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to us:

People: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Liturgist)

Holy God, as we gather this day in the presence of the risen Lord, send your Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts, that we may understand your words and live them out in the world as a sign of new life for all; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

First Reading: *1 John 4:7-21* (Pew Bible p.929; Large Print 1879)

Gospel Reading: *John 15: 1-17* (Pew Bible p.824; Large Print p.1662)–Pastor

Pastor: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON *Abiding in Christ* Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Hymn: *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* #366

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—** The Apostles' Creed (traditional) led by Rev. Montgomery
I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri #579

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer Reverend Cheryl Montgomery
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Abide with Me

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**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #376

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE *God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again* Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

Kathleen Olds Rev. David Rosen Anita Steverson Roby Lorimer Yoshi Yoshida
Darian & Melanie Mathis McBride's grandson Elliott remains in NICU at Riley. Please pray
for him and his parents Sydney and Jesse.

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda
The people of Ukraine and Middle East

Our military men and women around the world

Our elementary, middle, high, college and grad students returning from Spring Break

The staff and faculty of Monroe County United Ministries

Community Presbyterian Church was established in 1968 when Miller's Chapel/Hannah Memorial and First Presbyterian Church of Charlestown merged. First Presbyterian has a rich history as the second oldest Presbyterian congregation in Indiana, established in April 1812. The church served the community with several ministries that focused on the health, improvement and education of women and children. The first schools in Charlestown were established by the Presbyterian minister. Our rolls indicate that our congregation was one of the first (if not the first) non-segregated congregations in the area. Currently, our congregation worships on Monroe Street. We are blessed to have seven acres of property and a modern building that is completely accessible. We're small, numbering less than 20 members. Our hearts are full of love for one another and our community. We are the home of the Charlestown Farmers' Market and the D.I.A.P.E.R. Project which provides diapers, wipes, bathing supplies, and food to infants. This ministry has been blessed with financial support from Presbyterian Women, the POV, several of our sister churches, as well as members of our community. We've established a grief support group in conjunction with Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Services. This group meets monthly and offers support to those who have lost loved ones. We are looking to the future, open to changes and new missions that God may bestow upon us.



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